

FOURTH SESSION WELL ATTENDED

Crowds at Conference Not Diminished by Opening of Fair.

TIMELY SUBJECTS TREATED.

Elders George A. Smith, George F. Richards, Orson F. Whitney and J. O. McKay the Speakers.

In spite of the fact that the Utah state fair was to be opened yesterday afternoon, there was a large attendance present at the fourth session of the general conference, which opened shortly after 2 o'clock by the choir and congregation singing the hymn, "Redeemer of Israel." Prayer was offered by Elder Duncan McAllister, after which the choir sang the anthem, "From afar gracious Lord."

GEORGE ALBERT SMITH.

The first speaker was Elder George Albert Smith of the council of twelve, who in a few words said he believed no one in the audience was more grateful for the privilege of being present at conference than he. He was grateful for the testimony he had received that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ and the Redeemer of the world. He knew that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God, and that the authority of God is with the people today. Everyone present should set their houses in order. It should not be a matter of going out to what our neighbors are doing but what we are doing. He bore testimony to the worth of the eternal things and the joy derived therefrom.

GEORGE F. RICHARDS.

Elder George F. Richards said he had concluded that the harmony existing between the testimonies borne by the brethren and his own feelings was evidence that his faith was about right. He upheld the president of the Church and esteemed him for his integrity and love of the truth. He sustained his counselors, knowing them to be men of God whose desire is to uphold the Church of God. He sustained the twelve, whose efforts are directed to the furtherance of the work. He also upheld the secretaries, the presiding bishop and the presiding patriarch. All of whom are united in the efforts for the spread of the truth.

In the great gathering of the people yesterday in the tabernacle and elsewhere on the block, he was reminded of the statement recorded in section 11 of the Doctrine and Covenants that a marvelous work was about to come forth. This prediction was made before the Church was organized and the manner in which this prophecy has been fulfilled leads him to believe that all the other predictions concerning the latter-day work will assuredly be fulfilled.

The speaker referred to the restoration of the gospel and the manifestations of angels given to establish the work and then stated that about 2,000 missionaries are being kept in the field at a cost of about \$100,000 per month. With the object of impressing the men holding the priesthood with the responsibility resting upon them, Elder Richards read from Ezekiel 31 concerning the watchman on the tower, who the Lord says will have delivered his soul if he has warned the wicked. On the other hand if the wicked has not been warned his blood would be required at the hands of the watchman. The same responsibility rests upon the elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in warning the world today.

Elder Richards then read from sec.

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11 of the Doctrine and Covenants that the Lord is ripe and ready for harvest, so that those who thrust in their sickles and reap are called of God. We read from the Scriptures that no one taketh the honor to himself but he that is called of God as was Aaron. The fifth article of faith was quoted. There are many men in Zion who have been thus called. Take the stake presidents and bishops, and the ward teachers. They and others have been thus called and set apart.

Our people are selling their inheritances in some cases to people who come among them, some of whom are of Israel and who have accepted the gospel through the efforts of the priesthood.

With the object of encouraging the people to seek to do good and find opportunities for the same, Elder Richards read from the Doctrine and Covenants, that the Lord said it was meet that he should command in all things, as those who needed to be always commanded were faithful. He also read from the Doctrine and Covenants, 38 section, of the counsel given to everyone to warn his neighbor in meekness and kindness and love unfeigned. That is the spirit to be manifested by all who labor in the priesthood whether at home or abroad. All should seek to do good, to allay prejudice and to enlighten the minds of men who are in the dark.

Some are actively engaged in this work. It was recently reported in Fremont stake, Idaho, that 20 adult members had been brought into the Church. In Davis stake one of the wards had received 12 new members by active and energetic efforts on the part of the local authorities. In Morgan county there is a ward where 21 members, some of them heads of families, have been led to see and accept the gospel. Perhaps there are other places where similar results could be obtained by active and faithful efforts. The quorums of the priesthood have all the authority needed to enable them to take up this work. Some of the members of the quorums of the priesthood, who were once baptized for the remission of their sins, have lapsed into by and for by. Hence, in some cases, have been acquired which are contrary to the teachings of the gospel. Those in charge of the quorums should look after these members, who should be shining lights and fully qualified to carry the word to others because of their living it.

Everyone who is warned should warn his neighbor. There should be no cowardice, and men should not allow their mouths to become closed because of wrong doing, which makes them afraid to talk to their neighbors. We should be fearless in this matter, and endeavor to lead others in the narrow way to a place of safety. There is only a small percentage of elders who have the true missionary spirit. Their talents and memories have been quickened and sharpened by that experience they ought to be able to carry on the good work. Instead, they fall back and lose their brightness. He exhorted the presiding brethren in the wards and stakes to champion the people. By doing others good it will benefit and bless those engaged in it and increase their chances of entering glory in the eternal world.

ELDER ORSON F. WHITNEY.

Elder Orson F. Whitney said the legend "Our Presence," hung in the eastern end of the building, was placed there in honor of the president of the United States, who addressed the people of this state in this building a few days ago. The words in the legend lead me to speak of another president—the president of the Church—and if he will pardon me for being personal in his direction, I will speak of him. I heard two conversations recently to the effect that no other man in the Church could fill the position of president just

as Joseph F. Smith does today, and I agreed with them. It is not my place to find a president for this Church; that is the Lord's work, but to my mind President Smith is just the man for just the time and the place he now occupies.

This question faced the people when the Prophet Joseph, our first president, lived. People said, should our prophet be taken away, who is there to take his place? Then the prophet was martyred and Brigham Young, that mighty man, was raised up and the work went on as before. Then when Brigham Young was near to his death, the same question was raised among the people. This was the time when the rev. Dr. Wm. Talmage advised the government to strike, as the death of that strong leader of the people would leave confusion, but the confusion expected did not arise, and another strong and mighty man was raised up to take his place at the head of this people. And it was the same when President Taylor passed away, the same with President Woodruff and President Snow; when they died, President Smith succeeded to the position. These men were successful because God was with them. President Smith is in his position because he is approved of God. There is no disposition to honor the individual in the position in this Church. I do not think I stand in the position I do today for the purpose of honoring me individually or my family. I do not believe that any man is honored as such, but as the instruments of God for carrying out his purposes. In time of need God raises up the great man, and maintains him in his place.

I can testify that President Joseph F. Smith is approved of God, and is the right man in the right place, and the great work of the Lord will go forward until his purposes have been accomplished.

Now I wish to say a word about the president of the United States, that great and good man, William H. Taft, who spoke to a great congregation in this building of which I had the honor of being one. It was a sermon to all the people, and I rejoiced that a congregation of Mormon, Jew and Gentile could come together to hear the words of our beloved president.

The speaker read two excerpts from the remarks of President Taft, in which the chief executive counseled more tolerance and less acrimony in public discussion, and less retaliation among men. He said he did not propose to waste time in speculation as to how much of the president's remarks were intended for Mormons or how much his remarks were directed to all, and all the people should profit by them. I know he was looking at me when he spoke, and I saw him looking at you. The lesson of brotherly love was taught in the president's words, and it is applicable to us all. I rejoiced that the president of this republic could come here and visit all the people. Let his visit be one of benefit to all of us, so that strife and contention shall cease. That is the purpose of the gospel, to generate love and brotherly feeling among the people, and to do away with strife and bitterness in our daily life.

DAVID O. MCKAY.

Elder David O. McKay referred, at the outset of his remarks, to the movement of the vast congregation yesterday at the suggestion of President Smith, to make room for some of those who were standing. Why change? We also give attention and make a movement towards carrying out the president's suggestion that we guard our children, for of such is the kingdom of God? Last evening four brethren were riding down Main street in an automobile when a little boy's voice was heard calling, papa, papa. The father, who was the chauffeur, instantly brought the machine to a stop when a nine-year-old boy ran up breathless. He had missed his father through a misunderstanding as to the place of a meeting, and he was for the time being thrown into the crowd without any protection. Is there a misunderstanding between you fathers and your sons and have the sons been thrown into temptation and sin to find their own way home, while owing to pressure of worldly affairs you rush along in your cars? Take your sons along with you through life to that eternal home. Three means are given you to develop your children. They are home life, activity and social environment. In all these there must be the dominant idea of salvation. That means legitimate work in the home, in the activities of life and the social world. Of the work in the home I shall say nothing just now. The importance of home as a saving influence we fully realize. Leading educators in the universities say the home is the foundation. Put that with some of the theories we hear, and it can be seen that the guarding of the children is necessary.

The benefit of doing is everywhere set forth in the Scriptures. If you will do the will of God you shall know whether the work is of God. To do is to know. In our physical world there is no growth without activity. In the spiritual world there is no growth without effort. Advancement and growth in the work of God depends on work. Our children should be taught the advantage of work. Joseph Smith taught that the idler had no place in this Church. Some young men look forward to soft hands, soft hands and ease. They should be taught the danger of such desires. He read an extract setting forth the dangers of idleness. Idleness was said to be a dangerous machine, which when it catches a young man, rarely releases him. Young men were exhorted to have a calling. Labor is the law, and those who don't do it as a pleasure are forced to do it as a punishment. The pleasures of honest work were depicted as compared with the terrors of idleness. To do nothing was said to be a melancholy resolution. To be indolent and useless leads to the bottom of misery.

There is another means at our hands in our social world, namely, work in the organizations of the priesthood. No matter how old or young the man and boy may be, he has a chance to work in these organizations. In the branches of the priesthood there is an army of men called to work in the service of God. Work means knowledge and knowledge, eternal life. Shall we not as parents, put our children in that environment? The note has been sounded, and shall we not heed it? It is the duty of the presidents of desamons to meet with their brethren and sit in council with them. The bishops were appealed to to assist those who were backward and negligent.

Recently I visited the sugar factory in Idaho when not a wheel was stirring. There was inactivity everywhere. Men had to be hired to keep the dust off the machinery. No laborers were then employed and the factory produced nothing. When the power was turned on then it produced sugar. Many of the quorums are like the sugar factory. They are producing nothing and are becoming covered with dust. In one of the elders' quorums, when certain young men were called to preside, they had an attendance of six elders. They decided to make a house to house canvass. They met one young man who would not attend meeting in the meetinghouse, but who attended at his own home. He eventually took part and suffered greatly at his first venture on the program and asked for another chance. He wanted to, and did, do better. In another case an elder begged the presidency of the elders' quorum to stay with him and help him, as he wanted, though he had grown careless, to get back into that environment. He exhorted all to work and to lead others to know that to work in the priesthood is a blessing and a privilege.

President Joseph F. Smith announced the holding of the regular priesthood meeting in the tabernacle last evening

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and the special priesthood meeting in the Assembly hall this morning, and that the next meeting of the conference would be held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. The choir and congregation sang the hymn, "Our God, we praise Thee," and the benediction was pronounced by Elder Joseph E. Taylor.

TEMPLE NOTICES

The Salt Lake Temple will be closed on Friday, Oct. 1, and will be opened again on the following Friday-day for baptisms, and on Thursday, Oct. 7, for the regular Temple work.

The Manti Temple will close Friday evening, Oct. 1, and reopen Tuesday morning, Oct. 12, at 10 o'clock. LEWIS ANDERSON.

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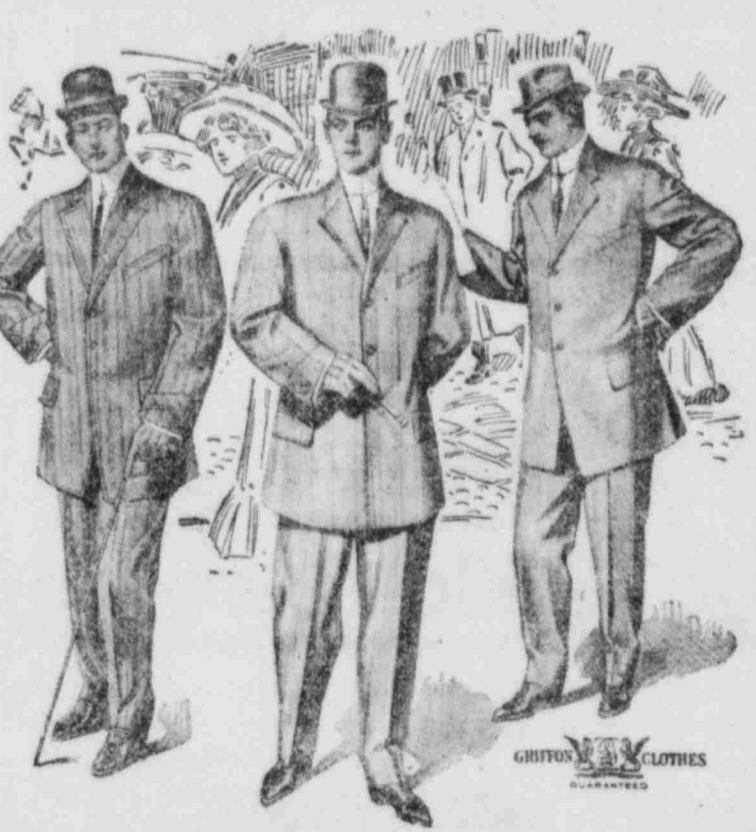
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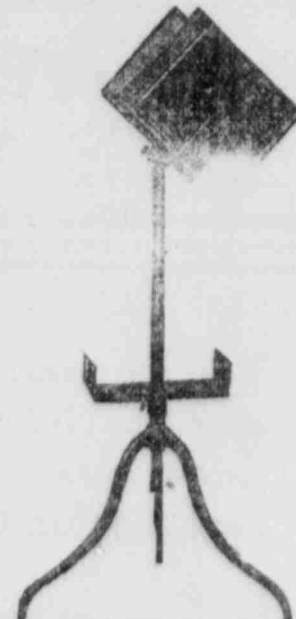
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